

FOCUSED ON THE ROAD AHEAD



Jim Baye

District 1 Candidate

Member/Owner
since 2005

Education: B.S. - Animal Science
Washington State University

Employment: Self-employed / Owner of Marco
Ranches

Affiliations:
HighLine Grain Growers - Board of Directors
Lincoln County Conservation District - Board Member
Reardan Cemetery District - Board Member
Reardan Emmanuel Lutheran Endowment - Board Member
Washington Association of Wheat Growers Member

Candidate statement:

Having been involved with natural resources my entire life, I learned responsibility at an early age. This was refined by a college degree and finely tuned by being an employee and then employer. I have worked for a cooperative and now sit on a cooperative board. These board experiences have been invaluable in my own business practices. Community service has always been important to me. I welcome the opportunity to give back and serve the community in which I live.

Why do you want to serve on the board of trustees?

To serve and give back to my community. It does sound simple. I will bring my life experiences and cooperative board experience to help strengthen Inland Power and Light.

What strengths would you bring to the board of trustees?

My strength is having worked for cooperatives and serving on cooperative boards. I advocate for long-term range planning, implementation and fulfillment of set goals at the cooperative level.

The utility industry faces many challenges. Where would you focus your attention?

I would focus my energy to keep costs low for Inland Power membership. New energy power sources must be balanced with existing sources. At the same time communication between membership and board of trustees has to be continued and strengthened. Dialog with membership and input from membership strengthens the company and helps direct long-term goals.

What else would you like the membership to know about you as a candidate?

Mature, common sense, analytical thinking, and I am not afraid to ask tough questions and summarize who I am. A lifetime of positive and challenging situations has brought this forth. Being both an employee for 25 years and now a small business owner for 13 years has allowed me the opportunity to look from both sides of the desk. I would ask for and appreciate your vote to represent you on the Inland Power & Light Board of Trustees.